

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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10. (ORIGINAL) A method for providing a transaction layer for a module having at least one node connected to a serial bus that configures a link device for each of said at least one nodes comprising:
 - detecting a link driver;
 - receiving capabilities of said link driver;
 - generating a link driver configuration for said link driver from said capabilities of said driver; and
 - loading said link driver configuration into said link driver.
 11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 further comprising:
 - querying said link driver for said capabilities.
 12. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 11 further comprising:
 - receiving said capabilities of said link driver from said link driver.
 13. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 further comprising:
 - storing said capabilities of said link driver.
 14. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 13 wherein storing said capabilities comprises:
 - generating a node in a linked list for said link driver; and
 - storing said capabilities of said link driver in a data field of said node.
 15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 further comprising:
 - receiving configuration information for said link driver.
 16. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 15 wherein generating said link driver configuration comprises:
 - generating said link driver configuration from said capabilities and said configuration information.

17. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 15 further comprising:
storing said configuration data.
18. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 17 further comprising:
generating a node in a linked list for said link driver; and
storing said configuration information of said link driver in a data field of said node.
19. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 10 further comprising:
receiving an input of user defined configuration data for said link driver.
20. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The method of claim 19 wherein generating said link driver configuration comprises:
generating said link driver configuration from said capabilities and said user defined configuration data.
21. (ORIGINAL) A program storage device readable by a machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to provide a transaction layer for a module having at least one node connected to a serial bus that configures a link device for each of said at least one nodes that performs a method comprising:
detecting a link driver;
receiving capabilities of said link driver;
generating a link driver configuration for said link driver from said capabilities of said driver; and
loading said link driver configuration into said link driver.
22. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said method further comprises:
querying said link driver for said capabilities.
23. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 22 wherein said method further comprises:

receiving said capabilities of said link driver from said link driver.

24. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said method further comprises:

storing said capabilities of said link driver.

25. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 24 wherein said step of storing said capabilities comprises:

generating a node in a linked list for said link driver; and

storing said capabilities of said link driver in a data field of said node.

26. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said method further comprises:

receiving configuration information for said link driver.

27. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The program storage device of claim 26 wherein generating said link driver configuration comprises:

generating said link driver configuration from said capabilities and said configuration information.

28. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 27 wherein said method further comprises:

storing said configuration data.

29. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 28 wherein said method further comprises:

generating a node in a linked list for said link driver; and

storing said configuration information of said link driver in a data field of said node.

30. (ORIGINAL) The program storage device of claim 21 wherein said method further comprises:

receiving an input of user defined configuration data for said link driver.

31. (PREVIOUSLY AMENDED) The program storage device of claim 30 wherein generating said link driver configuration comprises:

generating said link driver configuration from said capabilities and said user defined configuration data.